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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (October 8-15, 2007)

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of periodic reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents military contacts/clashes with the PKK as well as casualties incurred. TGS does not account for police casualties and Ministry of Interior casualty data is not made public. As a result, actual numbers for total Turkish law enforcement casualties are higher than the figures in this cable.

Press services sympathetic to the PKK, such as Neu-Isenburg People's Defense Forces and Firat News Agency, tend to report higher numbers of the Turkish Security Forces casualties and are often otherwise unreliable.

¶2. (U) During the October 8-15, 2007 reporting period, two GOT security officials were killed and three were injured in explosions.

¶3. (U) In the same period, the body of a PKK terrorist was found dead and seven PKKers were captured, including four who surrendered.

¶4. (U) The TGS website reported one clash between security forces and PKK terrorists in Turkey's southeastern region during the reporting period. Security forces discovered at least nine PKK shelters/caves/caches and seized booby-trapped land mines; other explosives, including A-4 and TNT; Kalashnikov rifles; cartridges; hand grenades; pistols; night vision binoculars; TV sets; satellite antennas; and radios.

¶5. During the week, security forces detected 14 PKK explosive devices in SE Turkey. Several were detonated in controlled explosions before they could cause damage/casualties.

¶6. (U) Activity as reported by TGS website:

CLASHES (NUMBER)

May 2007, 40

June 2007, 40

July 2007, 15

August 2007, 12

September 2007, 35

October 1-7, 9

October 8-15, 1

CASUALTIES

Security Forces

May 2007 15 KIA, 52 WIA

June 2007 23 KIA, 51 WIA

July 2007 10 KIA, 14 WIA

August 2007 12 KIA, 30 WIA

September 2007 12 KIA, 32 WIA

October 1-7, 2007 15 KIA, 10 WIA

October 8-15, 2007 2 KIA, 3 WIA

PKK

May 2007 20 KIA, 31 captured, 3 surrendered

June 2007 34 KIA, 16 captured, 17 surrendered

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July 2007 11 KIA, 10 captured, 13 surrendered

August 2007 38 KIA, 24 captured, 7 surrendered

September 2007 40 KIA, 15 captured, 9 surrendered

October 1-7, 2007 4 KIA, 4 captured, 0 surrendered

October 8-15, 2007 1 KIA, 3 captured, 4 surrendered

CACHES RECOVERED (NUMBER)

May 2007, 113

June 2007, 50

July 2007, 28

August 2007, 40

September 2007, 119

October 1-7, 2007, 24

October 8-15, 2007 9

17. (U) Following are the casualty figures for the 2007.

TURKISH SECURITY FORCES (KIA or WIA)

JANUARY 1 KIA, 2 WIA

FEBRUARY 1 KIA, 0 WIA

MARCH 5 KIA, 4 WIA

APRIL 18 KIA, 16 WIA

MAY 15 KIA, 43 WIA

JUNE 24 KIA, 51 WIA
JULY 10 KIA, 14 WIA
AUGUST 12 KIA, 30 WIA
SEPTEMBER 12 KIA, 32 WIA
October 1-7, 2007 15 KIA, 10 WIA
October 8-15, 2007 2 KIA, 3 WIA
TOTAL 115 KIA, 205 WIA

PKK (KIA, Captured or surrendered)

JANUARY 0 KIA, 5 captured, 3 surrendered
FEBRUARY 0 KIA, 14 captured, 0 surrendered
MARCH 16 KIA, 15 captured, 7 surrendered
APRIL 16 KIA, 8 captured, 4 surrendered
MAY 20* KIA, 31 captured, 3 surrendered
JUNE 34 KIA, 16 captured, 17 surrendered
JULY 11 KIA, 10 captured, 13 surrendered
AUGUST 38 KIA, 24 captured, 7 surrendered
SEPTEMBER 40 KIA, 15 captured, 9 surrendered
OCTOBER 1-7 4 KIA, 4 Captured, 0 surrendered
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OCTOBER 8-15 1 KIA, 3 captured, 4 surrendered
TOTAL 180 KIA, 145 Captured, 67 surrendered

* Includes PKK suicide bomber from May 22 attack in Ankara

CIVILIANS (KIA or WIA)

JANUARY 0 KIA, 0 WIA
FEBRUARY 1 KIA, 0 WIA
MARCH 0 KIA, 0 WIA
APRIL 1 KIA, 0 WIA
MAY 14*KIA, 108* WIA
JUNE 1 KIA, 1 WIA
JULY 1 KIA, 3 WIA
AUGUST 1 KIA, 1 WIA
SEPTEMBER 7 KIA, 1 WIA
OCTOBER 1-7 0 KIA, 0 WIA
OCTOBER 8-15 0 KIA, 0 WIA
TOTAL 26 KIA, 114 WIA

* Includes 9 KIA and 100 WIA from May 22 Ankara bombing.

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